

### Message from the Legislative Council.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—I report to the House that a message has been received from the Legislative Council that the Mysore Forest Bill 1963, as passed by the Legislative Assembly, during the current year and transmitted to the Legislative Council, has been passed by the Legislative Council without any amendment.

### MYSORE PRISONS BILL, 1962.

*Motion to Consider—Debate continued.*

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Now, we pass on to the Prisons Bill. Before I call upon anybody, I think, yesterday the last member who participated in the Debate was Srimathi Nagaratnamma Hiremath. We have got 3½ hours, out of which we have spent everything except 1½ hours. There are a large number of amendments. We will have to extend the time and I will extend it at the proper time, by half-an-hour. Now, whoever the Whips are, they must know the time at their disposal and send the names of members accordingly; There is no use simply writing the names of members and sending them to me without keeping in view the time at their disposal. Now, Sri D. Parameswarappa may speak.

**Sri D. PARAMESHWARAPPA (Honnali).**—Sir, I have yet to go through half the portion of the Bill; I may be permitted to speak a little later.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Under the rules, if a member does not avail of the opportunity, he will lose his chance. Any way I am not following that rule very strictly. But this must be avoided.

**Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA (Suratkal).**—Mr. Speaker Sir, I welcome this measure as it seeks to have a uniform law for the entire State. But, I regret that the provisions of this Bill have not gone far enough to reform the jails. Sir, I had the proud privilege of undergoing imprisonment not only in the British but even under the Congress regime and the Mysore Maharaja's regime for a term of nearly 22 months, not as a criminal prisoner but as a political prisoner. I had the privilege of visiting a jail some days back as a visitor. So, I can speak with some authority. Sir, what is wanted in this Bill is a philosophy for prisons and prisoners. Yesterday Sri Muckannappa touched about that philosophy.

**Mr. SPEAKER.**—Does the member agree with his philosophy?

**Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.**—I may not agree with him but the philosophy that is required is, jail must not be a place of punishment, it must be a place for reformation and connection. We send persons there not only to resume punishment but also to correct them. They must repent for their acts and the treatment in the jail to them must be